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Sir:

Subsequent to receipt of the Official Action of November 18, 2002, the undersigned telephoned Examiner Anderson, who was on vacation. Ultimately, the undersigned spoke with Mr. John Lee and raised the question that the Office Action of November 18th was probably incorrectly issued because a request to declare an interference had been submitted with the response of September 3, 2002.

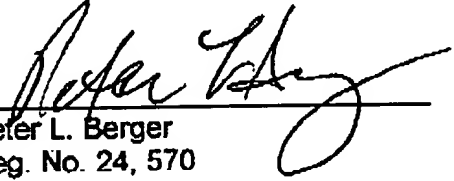
I communicated with Mr. Lee at least four or five times from that point and approximately one week ago was advised that Mr. Anderson had returned from leave and would be reissuing an Office Action dealing with the question of whether or not an interference would be declared.

As a consequence, I was advised that I did not need to reply to the Office Action of November 18, 2002, as that was going to be withdrawn.

In order that this application not inadvertently become abandoned, I am filing this communication to request that the Office Action of November 18, 2002 be withdrawn so that there is no requirement that there is any outstanding response due to be filed to the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 22, 2003


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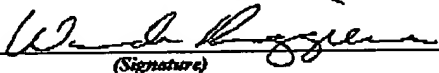
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